

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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IN RE VITAMIN ANTITRUST
LITIGATION

This document relates to:

ANIMAL SCIENCE PRODUCTS, INC., et al.

Plaintiffs,

- against -

CHINOOK GROUP, LTD., et al.,

Defendants.

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NANCY MAYER WHITTINGTON, CLERK
U.S. DISTRICT COURT

Misc. No. 99-197 (TFH)

(M.D.L. NO. 1285)

NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION
SETTLEMENT WITH UCB
CHEMICALS CORPORATION
AND HEARING THEREON

**TO: ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES WHO DIRECTLY PURCHASED
CHOLINE CHLORIDE FROM A DEFENDANT HEREIN DURING THE
PERIOD FROM 1988 THROUGH 1998 IN THE UNITED STATES OR
FOR DELIVERY IN THE UNITED STATES.**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, pursuant to an Order of the United States
District Court for the District of Columbia, that a hearing will be held on November 30,
2001 at 3:00 p.m. before the Hon. Thomas F. Hogan, United States District
Judge, in Courtroom No. 9, United States Courthouse, located at 333 Constitution Avenue,
N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001, for the purpose of determining whether the proposed settlement
of the above-captioned litigation consisting of a cash payment in the amount of \$9.0 million for
the benefit of the above referenced settlement class of purchasers of choline chloride directly
from a defendant herein from 1988 through 1998 in the United States or for delivery in the
United States, in accordance with the terms and conditions of a settlement agreement between

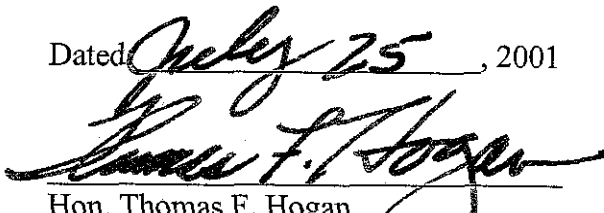
plaintiffs and certain defendants, dated as of July 16, 2001 (the "Settlement Agreement"), on file with the Court, should be approved by the Court as fair, reasonable and adequate to the settlement class, and the above-entitled litigation should be dismissed on the merits and with prejudice as against UCB Chemicals Corporation and other releases, as provided in the Settlement Agreement. Plaintiffs' counsel intend to make a request for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of costs and expenses incurred in connection with this settlement at a later point in the future.

Your rights may be affected by this litigation and the settlement thereof if you directly purchased choline chloride from a defendant herein in the United States or for delivery in the United States from 1988 through 1998.

If you have not received a printed Notice of Class Action Settlement With UCB Chemical Corporation and Hearing Thereon ("Notice"), you may obtain a copy by writing to ^{PO Box 58520}
^{Philadelphia, PA}
Vitamins Antitrust Litigation, Re: UCB 1902-5852; or by accessing those documents from <http://www.ded.uscourts.gov/99ms197.html>. The Notice contains further information regarding the proposed settlement with UCB Chemicals Corporation and the rights of UCB Settlement Class Members with respect thereto.

**PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT OR THE CLERK'S OFFICE
REGARDING THIS NOTICE.**

Dated July 25, 2001


Hon. Thomas F. Hogan
United States District Judge